



FIREWISE
CONSULTING
BUILDING BETTER ORGANIZATIONS

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Meeting #2- ASC Scoping the ASC Efforts

Purpose

What is important to you?

Questions, Comments,
Concerns?

Committee Purpose

The ASC will explore and make recommendations on an upgraded fire hall and related services that are:

- Compliant with applicable legislative, regulatory and industry best practices,
- Will meet both current and future fire protection requirements for Cowichan Bay and its fire protection response area, and
- Align with the requirements for any current or proposed mutual aid or service delivery agreements.

Questions, Comments,
Concerns?

Those who fail to study history are doomed to repeat it...



Takeaways...

- We are starting from scratch
- This process is about seeking approval for a fire protection plan acceptable to those who would pay.
- Options and solutions must fit the needs of Cowichan Bay and its residents and businesses.
- Residents will require understandable information upon which to provide informed permission to spend their tax dollars.
- Most people want to be a part of the process.
- Costs and impacts on your community are at least as important as operational effectiveness. Options will have to be sustainable.

Questions, Comments,
Concerns?

- Describe the problem (s)
 - Building a fire station is only a objective- what's the problem?
- Identify options to resolve the problem(s)
 - What thing or things can we do to resolve the problem?
- Develop the business case
 - Why do we need to do anything and what are the strategies and tactics?
- Develop Partnership and funding opportunities
 - Who would like to share? BC Ambulance, RCMP, SAR, others? Are there non-traditional partners?
- Evaluate location, design, efficiencies, materials, programs, etc.
- Inform and engage with stakeholders and the community at every step of the process

So where are
we headed?

Process

- Must follow good practice and bring the community along for the ride- after all, they are paying for it.
- Follow good planning principles, including identifying the problem, evaluate the options, develop consensus, engage those with an interest, show how inputs impacted outcomes
- No predetermined resolutions.
- Facts, facts, facts and when in doubt- more facts. Package them to speak to the audience to aid their understanding.
- Respectful of all opinions, and in particular those that we find disagreeable.
- Communications will be clear and timely, but focussed through specific spokesperson.

Questions, Comments,
Concerns?

Fire Department and Station Needs

- To be understood
- Wants versus needs
- Reflect approved service level standards provided to Fire Department
- Mandatory:
 - BC Building Code
 - Architects Act
 - WorkSafeBC regulations

Fire Department and Station Needs

- Standards and Industry Practice
- WorksafeBC requirements
- Land use and development controls (agricultural land reserve, zoning, etc.)
- Discretionary:
 - Design
 - Construction materials
 - Location
 - Finishing
 - Cost containment
 - Environmental sustainability

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Problem Statement

Develop strategies that sees the Cowichan Bay Fire Department housed in a building that supports delivery of fire and emergency services safely, efficiently, and legally.

What Principles Guide
Our Decisions?

Based on what we know right now, what guiding principles can we adopt to ensure we remain focussed on success as we work toward our desired outcomes?

Questions, Comments,
Concerns?

What's Next?



Are we clear and do we share a common understanding of direction and process?



Do we have a shared understanding of the roles Fire Rescue Advisory Committee?



Do we understand the needs and expectations of the Community in relation to this process?



Do we understand the mandatory and discretionary requirements for SSIFR as it is related to delivery of approved service levels?



What do we wish to share with the CBID Board of Trustees?

Thank You